

LIVING FOR THE CITY
Stevie Wonder

Intro:

E F#m/E G/E F#m/E (x4)

Verse 1:

E F#m/E G/E F#m/E
A boy is born, in hard time Mississippi,
Surrounded by, four walls that ain't so pretty.
His parents give, him love and affection,
To keep him strong, moving in the right direction.

Chorus :

A6 A7 B6 B7 E F#m/E G/E F#m/E
Living just enough, just enough, for the city

Verse 2:

His father works, some days for fourteen hours,
And you can bet, he barely makes a dollar.
His mother goes, to scrub the floors for many,
And you'd best believe, she hardly gets a penny.

Chorus

Bridge 1:

E Em7b5 C Bb
Da ba da da, da da, da, da da da da, da da da.
Bb/G# G7 F E
Da da da da, da da da da da.

Chords:
Em7b5 - x7878x
Bb/G# - 4x334x

Verse 3:

His sister's black, but she is sho'nuff pretty,
Her skirt is short, but Lord, her legs are sturdy.
To walk to school, she's got to get up early.
Her clothes are old, but never are they dirty.

Chorus

Verse 4:

Her brother's smart, he's got more sense than many.
His patience's long, but soon he won't have any.
To find a job, is like a haystack needle,
'Cos where he lives, they don't use colored people.

Chorus

Bridge

Break:

E F#m/E G/E F#m/E
Living just enough, for the city (x8)

Bridge (hold on E - spoken word interlude)

Verse 5:

His hair is long, his feet are hard and gritty,
He spends his life, walking the streets of New York City.
He's almost dead, from breathing in air pollution,
He tried to vote, but to him there's no solution.

Chorus

Verse 6:

I hope you hear, inside my voice of sorrow;
And that it motivates you to make a better tomorrow.
This place is cruel, no where could be much colder,
If we don't change; the world will soon be over.

Chorus

Bridge